

REMARKS

The following remarks are submitted to address the above amendments and issues raised in the Official Action mailed May 2, 2007.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 10 and 22-26 are now pending in this application. Claims 1-4, 6-8, 11-21, and 27-30 were canceled in a previous Amendment, claims 16-21 having been withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected species. Claims 5 and 9 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a), and are canceled herein. Claims 10 and 22-26 stand allowed.

No new matter has been added. Support for requested amendments can be found in the original claims and throughout the present specification and drawings. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the application in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 5 and 9 —35 USC § 103(a)

The rejections of claims 5 and 9 under 35 USC § 103(a) are respectfully traversed. Claims 5 and 9 have been canceled herein. Therefore, the rejections of these claims are now moot. For all of these reasons, the Office is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections of claims 5 and 9 under 35 USC § 103(a).

Claims 10 and 22-26—Allowed

Claims 10 and 22-26 are allowed.

Drawings

Applicant respectfully requests notification that the formal drawings submitted on March 20, 2006, are accepted.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that a full and complete response has been made herein to the Official Action and, as such, all pending claims in this application are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests early consideration of the present application, entry of all amendments herein requested, withdrawal of all rejections and objections, and allowance of all pending claims.

The Office is respectfully invited to contact J. Michael Boggs at (704) 338-5141, to discuss any matter relating to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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